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Mr. William L. Moore
4219 West Olive Ave.
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Burbank, CA 91505

Re: Appeal No. 88-1517
RLH:MAP:JPA

Dear Mr. Moore:

You appealed from the action of the Federal Bureau of Investigation on your request for access to records pertaining to yourself.

After careful consideration of your appeal, I have decided to affirm the initial action in this case. The documents responsive to your request are exempt from the access provision of the Privacy Act of 1974 pursuant to 5 U.S.C. §552a(j)(2). See 28 C.F.R. §16.96(a) (1987). Accordingly, your access rights are limited to those provided by the Freedom of Information Act.

You are the subject of one Headquarters main file. Certain of the material pertaining to you is classified and I am affirming the denial of access to it on the basis of 5 U.S.C. §552(b)(1). This material is being referred to the Department Review Committee for its review and a determination whether it warrants continued classification under Executive Order No. 12356. You will be notified if the Committee's final decision results in the declassification of any information. Other materials were properly withheld from you pursuant to 5 U.S.C. §552(b)(7)(C), which pertains to records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes, the release of which could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of the personal privacy of third parties, in this instance by revealing the names of Bureau agents and employees. This information cannot be the subject of a discretionary release.

Judicial review of my action on this appeal is available to you in the United States District Court for the judicial district in which you reside or have your principal place of business, or in the District of Columbia, which is also where the records you seek are located.

Sincerely,



Richard L. Huff, Co-Director
Office of Information and Privacy

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Date 3/8/83

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
 FROM: SAC, PHOENIX
 SUBJECT: WILLIAM LEONARD MOORE, JR.,
 OO: PHOENIX

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Enclosed for the Bureau is the original and six copies of an LHM dated and captioned as above.

For the information of the Bureau, the enclosed LHM is a summary of investigation conducted to date.

Subject, William Leonard Moore, Jr., was interviewed under suitable pretext on 3/1/83. The LHM contains the complete

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In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Phoenix, Arizona
March 8, 1983

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results of the interview. Interviewing Agents were impressed with Moore's sincerity and professionalism. Moore is not a person who believes all of the sensationalism regarding the unidentified flying object (UFO) craze and Moore seems to be trying to prove or disprove the existence of UFOs through legitimate research and investigation.

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On March 1, 1983, William Leonard Moore, Jr., was interviewed at Prescott, Arizona. During the interview, Moore provided the following information:

Moore advised that while living in Minnesota, he decided to move to Arizona. Originally, Moore wanted to move to the Tucson, Arizona area, but upon hearing several people recommend Prescott, he made his decision to leave his teaching job in Minnesota and move to Prescott, Arizona. At the time of the move, Moore was doing well financially and felt it to be a good move. However, currently he is feeling a temporary financial pinch and wishes he had moved to Tucson, Arizona, because Prescott is an economically depressed area.

Moore stated he is currently doing research in order to publish another book. When asked about the subject matter, Moore graciously declined to give that information, indicating that writers maintain such matters confidential because one's ideas tend to "pop up" in other authors' writings.

Besides working toward authorship of another book, Moore also maintains a small publishing and duplicating business. This allows him to sell his writings, including his books, as well as sell articles and documents he receives from governmental agencies. According to Moore, he requests, under the Freedom of Information Act, documents which have been declassified from many U.S. Government agencies, i.e., FBI, CIA, OSI, NSA, and NASA. After he receives these documents, and upon request, he will duplicate these declassified documents and sell them to interested parties. Moore advised that some of the documents still bear their classification, (i.e., Secret, Top Secret), however, all have been marked through indicating that they have been declassified.

On one occasion, Moore duplicated a declassified document which bore a "Secret" classification. Upon duplicating the document, the markings used to indicate that the document was no longer classified secret, did not show up on the copied document. Moore sent a copy of this declassified document to an individual in California. This particular individual worked for a government contractor, and, the gentleman from California who received the document immediately took it to his security officer, and for awhile all believed Moore had made an unauthorized

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disclosure and had in his possession unauthorized classified documents. Moore stated that he now makes sure that this does not happen when he duplicates documents.

Moore declared that he has never had in his possession any classified documents from any government agency. Moore did admit, however, that individuals had made unauthorized verbal disclosures to him; however, Moore denied ever using that information or passing it along to anyone else.

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During the interview, Moore expressed his loyalty to the U.S. Government and indicated that he would not like to live anywhere else in the world. However, Moore believes that U.S. Government agencies have much more knowledge about the existence of UFOs than they freely admit. According to Moore, the U.S. Government is always trying to discredit their own findings and research in this field. Moore thinks that the U.S. Government has even gone so far as to give disinformation about the topic. Moore also feels that the reason for the government's attitude in this area is for one of two reasons. The first, which Moore feels would be legitimate, is that in their research or findings, the U.S. Government has obtained information or received data concerning highly developed technology. Therefore, the government wants to keep this information secret because to divulge this information could jeopardize the national security. The second reason for the government's current attitude, is that they are actively conducting research and in the process have uncovered substantial facts indicating that UFOs do indeed exist. However, the U.S. Government is attempting to hide the fact that they have an official interest in this area because to do so would lend credibility to the existence of actual UFOs. This reason, according to Moore, is not an acceptable reason for the U.S. Government to keep this information secret. He feels such information could be sanitized and should be exposed to the general public.

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In his statement, he indicated that it was his intention never to divulge any information which would do damage to the U.S. Government or endanger the national security.

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